

**Table 107.—Selected characteristics of 18- to 29-year-olds, by high school completion status: 1998 to 2001**

Characteristics	1998			1999			2000 <sup>1</sup>			2001 <sup>1</sup>		
	Dropout	Completed by GED <sup>2</sup>	Completed by diploma	Dropout	Completed by GED <sup>2</sup>	Completed by diploma	Dropout	Completed by GED <sup>2</sup>	Completed by diploma	Dropout	Completed by GED <sup>2</sup>	Completed by diploma
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Number, in thousands</b> .....	<b>5,636</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>33,706</b>	<b>5,576 (122)</b>	<b>3,314 (92)</b>	<b>33,819 (379)</b>	<b>5,473 (121)</b>	<b>2,165 (73)</b>	<b>35,213 (390)</b>	<b>5,463 (121)</b>	<b>2,583 (81)</b>	<b>34,963 (388)</b>
<b>Percent distribution</b> .....	<b>13.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>13.1 (0.3)</b>	<b>7.8 (0.2)</b>	<b>79.2 (0.3)</b>	<b>12.8 (0.2)</b>	<b>5.1 (0.2)</b>	<b>82.2 (0.3)</b>	<b>12.7 (0.2)</b>	<b>6.0 (0.2)</b>	<b>81.3 (0.3)</b>
Sex .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Male .....	57.0	47.3	48.4	53.5 (1.0)	49.6 (1.3)	48.0 (0.4)	54.2 (1.0)	52.4 (1.7)	48.0 (0.4)	55.2 (1.0)	49.2 (1.5)	48.1 (0.4)
Female .....	43.0	52.7	51.6	46.5 (1.0)	50.4 (1.3)	52.0 (0.4)	45.8 (1.0)	47.6 (1.7)	52.0 (0.4)	44.8 (1.0)	50.8 (1.5)	51.9 (0.4)
Age .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
18 and 19 .....	19.6	13.4	15.2	18.8 (0.8)	13.2 (0.9)	15.3 (0.3)	18.5 (0.8)	11.3 (1.0)	15.5 (0.3)	19.1 (0.8)	12.1 (1.0)	15.6 (0.3)
20 and 21 .....	18.5	16.2	16.2	18.0 (0.8)	14.0 (0.9)	16.5 (0.3)	18.2 (0.8)	12.8 (1.1)	17.3 (0.3)	17.9 (0.8)	16.5 (1.1)	18.1 (0.3)
22 to 24 .....	24.8	25.6	24.3	24.5 (0.9)	25.6 (1.2)	25.4 (0.4)	23.9 (0.9)	29.9 (1.5)	25.8 (0.4)	24.8 (0.9)	29.6 (1.4)	25.5 (0.4)
25 to 29 .....	37.1	44.8	44.4	38.8 (1.0)	47.2 (1.3)	42.7 (0.4)	39.4 (1.0)	45.9 (1.6)	41.4 (0.4)	38.2 (1.0)	41.8 (1.5)	40.9 (0.4)
Race/ethnicity .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
White, non-Hispanic .....	40.0	67.5	70.6	39.1 (1.0)	67.7 (1.3)	70.2 (0.4)	38.7 (1.0)	67.5 (1.5)	69.5 (0.4)	39.2 (1.0)	66.7 (1.4)	68.6 (0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic .....	15.7	13.9	13.1	14.8 (0.8)	14.8 (1.0)	13.4 (0.3)	14.8 (0.8)	15.5 (1.3)	13.6 (0.3)	14.3 (0.8)	16.5 (1.2)	13.4 (0.3)
Hispanic .....	41.6	13.2	10.7	42.5 (1.2)	12.7 (1.0)	10.5 (0.3)	43.0 (1.2)	12.3 (1.2)	10.9 (0.3)	43.3 (1.2)	12.9 (1.2)	11.6 (0.3)
Other .....	2.7	5.5	5.6	3.5 (0.4)	4.8 (0.7)	5.9 (0.2)	3.5 (0.4)	4.7 (0.8)	6.0 (0.2)	3.2 (0.4)	3.9 (0.7)	6.4 (0.2)
Educational attainment .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Less than high school .....	100.0	†	†	100.0 (0.0)	† †	† †	100.0 (0.0)	† †	† †	100.0 (0.0)	† †	† †
Completed high school .....	†	47.1	38.3	† †	45.8 (1.3)	37.2 (0.4)	† †	68.9 (1.5)	36.1 (0.4)	† †	60.9 (1.5)	36.6 (0.4)
Some college .....	†	36.1	33.8	† †	36.3 (1.3)	33.8 (0.4)	† †	20.2 (1.3)	35.0 (0.4)	† †	26.7 (1.3)	35.3 (0.4)
Associate degree .....	†	6.9	7.2	† †	6.7 (0.7)	7.5 (0.2)	† †	5.5 (0.8)	7.6 (0.2)	† †	7.0 (0.8)	7.7 (0.2)
Bachelor's degree .....	†	8.0	17.1	† †	9.0 (0.8)	18.1 (0.3)	† †	4.5 (0.7)	17.7 (0.3)	† †	4.8 (0.6)	17.0 (0.3)
Master's or higher degree .....	†	1.9	3.5	† †	2.1 (0.4)	3.4 (0.2)	† †	0.8 (0.3)	3.5 (0.2)	† †	0.7 (0.2)	3.4 (0.1)
Family income quartile .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Lowest quartile .....	46.3	27.8	18.5	42.4 (1.0)	24.6 (1.2)	18.7 (0.3)	44.8 (1.0)	29.7 (1.5)	18.7 (0.3)	41.7 (1.0)	27.6 (1.4)	19.1 (0.3)
Low-middle quartile .....	30.6	29.7	24.6	33.0 (1.0)	29.0 (1.2)	24.4 (0.4)	29.5 (0.9)	29.7 (1.5)	24.8 (0.4)	31.5 (1.0)	28.3 (1.4)	24.4 (0.4)
High-middle quartile .....	16.6	23.1	28.4	17.0 (0.8)	28.0 (1.2)	27.9 (0.4)	18.2 (0.8)	26.4 (1.5)	28.2 (0.4)	19.6 (0.8)	25.5 (1.3)	27.4 (0.4)
Highest quartile .....	6.5	19.3	28.5	7.7 (0.5)	18.3 (1.0)	29.0 (0.4)	7.5 (0.5)	14.2 (1.2)	28.3 (0.4)	7.3 (0.5)	18.5 (1.2)	29.1 (0.4)
Employment status .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)	100.0 (0.0)
Employed .....	61.6	71.8	76.0	60.6 (1.0)	72.2 (1.2)	75.6 (0.4)	61.1 (1.0)	71.0 (1.5)	76.5 (0.0)	61.1 (1.0)	67.1 (1.4)	73.2 (0.4)
Unemployed .....	8.4	7.6	4.3	9.1 (0.6)	7.2 (0.7)	4.2 (0.2)	9.8 (0.6)	7.7 (0.9)	3.6 (0.2)	12.2 (0.7)	9.1 (0.9)	5.2 (0.2)
Not in labor force .....	30.0	20.6	19.7	30.3 (0.9)	20.6 (1.1)	20.2 (0.3)	29.1 (0.9)	21.3 (1.4)	19.8 (0.3)	26.7 (0.9)	23.8 (1.3)	21.6 (0.3)

† Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Due to questionnaire rewording, data are not comparable to figures for years prior to 2000.

<sup>2</sup> GED stands for General Educational Development test.

NOTE: Excludes persons still enrolled in high school. Data are based on sample surveys of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, unpublished data. (This table was prepared May 2003.)